

Historic Times or a Repeat of History?

Hi my name is _____ and this is the 8th principle minute. With the adoption of the 8th Principle, our congregation committed to dismantle racism, beginning within our walls.

As we mark the close of Black History Month, let's reflect on how our times might be viewed through the eyes of someone in the future.

Yesterday, February 26th, was the 10th anniversary of the murder of Trayvon Martin. The only reason not to call it a lynching is that the definition of lynching requires more than one person.

How far have we come in the past 10 years? Clearly not very far. Bridgewater police apparently haven't learned that light skin is not a free pass and dark skin is not a crime.

Will history treat us well or see this time period for what it is? Racism is an illness that is killing our culture.

Together we will continue this journey toward spiritual wholeness, build a beloved community, educate ourselves and discuss what it means to develop a culture of being accountably anti-racist. We will continue to look at our own practices, identity, and stories with a new lens to dismantle the racism in ourselves and our institutions.